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LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF OXYTOCIN INJECTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Oxytocin injection being misused to double in a single day the weight of the vegetables covered under the pumpkin category;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases reported in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Government has examined the repercussion of use of said injection on human health;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per research report no effect of oxytocin on fruits size in bottle gourd (pumpkin category) has been observed. However, it is not a documented technique.

(c) to (e): No authentic information of the effect of injection of oxytocin on human health is available/documented.